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1. The Communist take-over force for Shanghai will include people for administrative positions, but most Shanghai minor employees are expected to be retained.
2. The most difficult problem for the Communists will be taking control of the foreign affairs office, as the Communists are inexperienced in this type of work. This is evidenced by other Chinese Communist-controlled cities where a high percentage of Nationalist foreign affairs bureau personnel have been retained. It is expected that at first the Communists will retain the Shanghai bureau intact.
3. Trade bureaus will be among the more important offices to be established. These bureaus will attempt to control all production, but will encourage and continue outside trade in essential commodities. Luxuries will be banned.
4. Foreign and Nationalist employees of utilities and other industries will be retained, but eventually will be forced out when Communist personnel can fill the positions. No foreign business and technical experts other than Soviets will be used.
5. Small import-export companies will be allowed to continue for a while after the Communists take control, with the understanding that only essential items are to be imported. These companies will not be allowed to operate after the Communists are able to train their own people to handle trade.

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